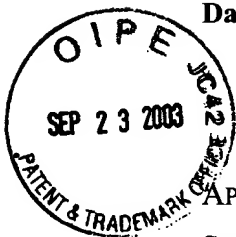


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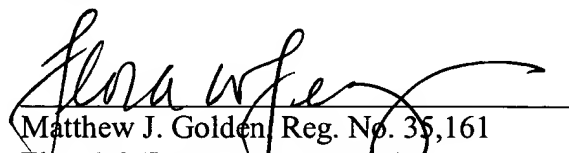
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the March 24, 2003 Office Action (Paper No. 4) in the above-identified application. With the extension, a Response is due on or before September 24, 2003. A check in the amount of \$465.00 in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), for a small entity, is enclosed herewith.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 19383-014, Customer No. 35437. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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